



# Developmental Delays, Autism, & Behavioral Learning Conference

Riley Conference Center, 446 Seitz Dr., Fort Riley, KS  
September 22, 2016 8:30-3:30 PM

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**8:30-9:00 AM Welcome and Registration**

**9:00-1200 PM The Power of Play in a High-Tech World**

Technology is changing the landscape of play in an unprecedented manner, creating a new kind of childhood for children being raised in the 21st century. As a society we must consider the ramifications of raising children in the unnatural absence of play. While it is true that change is inevitable from generation to generation, the question we must pose is this: Is true play worth preserving? Join Ms. Ebert as she examines the power of play discussing the following topics: the benefits of play for young children with developing brains and bodies, how high-tech toys change play, the importance of relationship-based learning, and evidence-based recommendations for raising children in the digital age.

**12:00-1:00 PM Lunch Provided (brief presentation about Families Together)**

**1:15-2:30 PM Breakouts**

## **A. IEP Development**

This workshop will provide information necessary for parents to be constructive members of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team. The training begins with the basics --what an IEP is, brainstorming on preplanning, understanding the various components of the IEP from developing the Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance to determining the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE). Effective communication skills and measuring success in the IEP will also be presented. Participants will discover strategies to become an effective IEP team member and get what their child needs to succeed.

## **B. Strategies for Dealing with Challenging Behaviors**

In this workshop, participants will learn what schools need to be doing for children and youth who present with challenging behaviors. We will discuss multi-tiered systems of support and school-wide positive behavior supports. Participants will understand the functional behavioral assessment process and how to use those results to develop a positive and meaningful behavior intervention plan to create change for their children.

**2:30-3:30**

**Questions and answers and connect with resources/vendors.**

**Register (by Sept. 15): <http://ftrileyfmpconf2016.eventbrite.com>**

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# Speaker Biographies

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## Keynote Speaker

Cari Ebert, M.S., CCC-SLP is a pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist in private practice in the Kansas City, Missouri area. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Iowa in 1993 and her Master of Science degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1995. For 20 years, Ms. Ebert has served as a therapist, consultant, and a nationally recognized speaker. She has dedicated her career to helping young children achieve their maximum potential with speech, language, and social-emotional development. Ms. Ebert's son has autism spectrum disorder and apraxia, allowing her to engage audiences both as a clinician and a parent of a child with special needs. Ms. Ebert has the gift of gab and gets paid to do what she loves best...TALK! She has an energetic personality and this translates to a high-energy speaking style.

Leia Holley is a Parent Information Specialist for Families Together, Inc., the Parent Training and Information and Health Information Center serving Kansas families. She is also the proud parent of two amazing young men. Her youngest son, Sean, has autism and medical needs. Leia has navigated not only the educational, local, state, and national disability systems but also the military systems, for more than 20 years. She has done training at the local, state and national level. Leia also coordinates the Parent-to-Parent Program for Families Together, Inc and has been with the organization for more than 17 years.

Darla Nelson-Metzger is a Parent Information Specialist at Families Together where she has worked for over 20 years. She enjoys working with families of children who present with challenging behaviors and often works with teams in the development of behavior intervention plans. Darla has a B.S. in Education from the University of Kansas and is the mother of five children from elementary to high school age.

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